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BLM releases geochemical data from the Aniak Mining District

Preliminary geochemical data from more than 1,300 rock, stream sediment, pan concentrate and soil samples is now available from the Bureau of Land Management. The samples represent the bulk of analyses performed during BLM's mineral assessment of the Aniak Mining District in southwest Alaska through August, 2005.

The Aniak Mining District study area includes approximately 29.6 million acres in southwestern Alaska and comprises parts of the adjacent Anvik, Iditarod, Innoko, Marshall, and McGrath mining districts. The area contains nearly 450 mineral sites including those located in the historic mining areas of Iditarod-Flat, Nyac, Donlin Creek, Candle Creek, Ganes Creek, Moore Creek, Nixon Fork, Marvel Creek, Taylor Creek and the Red Devil District.

A final report presenting the results of the Aniak Mining District evaluation is scheduled for release in late 2006. For more information contact John Hoppe at the BLM's Alaska State Office at 907-271-3218 or jhoppe@ak.blm.gov.

Mineral Investigations in the Aniak Mining District, Southwestern Alaska, 2004 (BLM Alaska Open-File Report 100) is now available on the BLM-Alaska web site <http://www.ak.blm.gov/ak940/solids/aniak.html>. The report is also available on CD and in hardcopy by request.

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